

Improving Rural Outreach Capacity in Tanzania: A Pilot Curriculum Reform Initiative to Increase Relevance of Trainer Training

Purpose

This project, funded by iAGRI and the Office of Outreach and Engagement's 2016 Impact Grant, and implemented by the Office of International Programs in Agriculture, seeks to revise the programs of study in Tanzania's Ministry of Agriculture Technical Institutes (MATIs) so that they better reflect the changing needs of Tanzanian agriculture and improve the performance and employability of their graduates.

This will lead to wider improvements in the training of future Tanzanian extension professionals working on the front lines of agricultural development and food security.

Impact

Assessing curriculum and recommending revisions at MATI-Ilonga.

Providing short-term trainings on teaching methods and agribusiness.

Strengthening of linkages between DAECD and the MATI's, contributing to more effective and sustainable training of agricultural extension personnel to address critical challenges to food security.

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How you can get involved:

- Become educated on the importance of capacity building to human and institutional development.
- Learn about the U.S.' Feed the Future program aimed at improving food security and alleviating poverty by visiting www.feedthefuture.gov.
- Contact project directors on campus to discuss opportunities to provide consultation and technical assistance.

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